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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM

REF: STATE 195659,

MEMORANDUM FOR ARA/LA/EP DATED 3/10/76 SIGNED

FRANK ORTIZ

1. AS FAR AS THE EMBASSY CAN ASCERTAIN, THE FACTS IN THE CASE OF BENJAMIN MONEBLANCO CLEMENTE ARE AS FOLLOWS: ON THE 28TH OF NOVEMBER, 1975 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF PERU INDICATED MR. MONTEBLANCO ON THREE CHARGES. FIRST FOR FRAUD AGAINST THE STATE FOR NOT SUBMITTING TO THE STATE A LARGE BUT UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT OF DOLLARS HELD IN ACCOUNTS AT THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK AND THE NETHERLANDS BANK OF ANTILLES. SECOND, FOR TAX FRAUD RELATING TO THE WINNINGS OF HIS RACE HORSE "MONTY". THIRD, FOR FRAUD AGAINST THE STATE FOR NOT INCLUDING ON HIS INCOME TAX REPORT THE SALE AND EXPORT OF TWO RACE HORSES TO PANAMA IN 1971, THE AMOUNT INVOLVED BEING \$7,850.

2. ALTHOUGH SOME CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF FORMER PRESIDENT VELASCO HAVE BEEN HARASSED FOR "CURRENT" POLITICAL ACTIVITY, THAT ASSOCIATION ITSELF WOULD NOT LIKELY CAUSE THE POLITICAL PERSECUTION FEARED BY MR. MONTELANCO. MR. MONTEBLANCO WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE ARRESTED ON THE ABOVE CHARGES. SMITH

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